

Grammar Review

Countable and Uncountable Nouns

A noun is defined as a person, animal, place, thing or idea. In English, every single noun is categorised into being either a countable or an uncountable noun.

Countable Nouns are nouns you can count by putting a number in front of them. For example, books. (1 book, 2 books, 3 books). You can physically separate the items.

Uncountable Nouns are nouns where you cannot count individual items. These are typically liquids, abstract ideas, gases and powders. For example, water. It is possible to convert uncountable nouns into countable nouns by using a partitive. For example, a bottle of water.

Depending on whether a noun is countable or uncountable, every grammatical element in a sentence will change.

